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PROPOSAL

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THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE NOTES WHICH FRG REP DREW ON AT NOV 28 SPC REGARDING FRG VIEWS ON A POSSIBLE COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO THE EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL (REFTEL). THESE NOTES REFER TO THE COMMON CEILING, WHILE THE FRG STATEMENT IN SPC DID NOT. HOWEVER, FRG REP (HOYNCK) INFORMS US THAT THE FRG IS STILL NOT RPT NOT ASKING FOR EASTERN AGREEMENT TO THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT AS A CONDITION OF ALLIED AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST ON THE COUNTER-PROPOSAL. HE ALSO INFORMS US BONN INTENDS SHORTLY TO WITHDRAW THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE (A STATEMENT IN THE NAC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE) IN VIEW OF THE ABSENCE OF SUPPORT FOR THIS IDEA.

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1. FORMULATION OF A WESTERN PROPOSAL FOR A NON-INCREASE
ASSURANCE LIMITED IN TIME. SUCH A PROPOSAL COULD HAVE THE

FOLLOWING CONTENT:

A) BOTH SIDES STATE COLLECTIVELY THE AGGREGATE PERSONNEL STRENGTHS OF THE GROUND AND AIR FORCES IN THE REDUCTION AREA.

THIS WOULD MEAN

-BOTH SIDES DIVULGE THE DATA ON WHICH THEY BASE THEMSELVES. THE DISPARITIES CLAIMED BY THE WEST WOULD THUS BE CONFIRMED, AND THE NEGOTIATION OBJECTIVE OF NATO (THE COMMON CEILING) COULD BE ADVANCED EVEN MORE CONVINCINGLY.

- THE PRINCIPLE OF PROVIDING AGGREGATE FIGURES FOR THE PERSONNEL STRENGTHS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

- THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE STATEMENTS ON THE PART OF THE NATO COUNTRIES WOULD BE FORMALIZED.

B) BOTH SIDES DECLARE THEIR INTENTION NOT TO INCREASE THESE PERSONNEL STRENGTHS FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD, FOR EXAMPLE FOR ONE YEAR OR UNTIL THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE FIRST CONCRETE REDUCTION.

SUCH A DECLARATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR US PROVIDED THAT IT CONTAINS

-THE LIMITATION IN TIME, AND

-THE DEPENDENCE UPON CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS RESULTS.

C) IN AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTERN STATEMENT CONTAINED IN THE RECORD OF 14 MAY 1973 THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS EXPECT THAT THE PERSONNEL STRENGTHS OF THE GROUND AND AIR FORCES IN HUNGARY WILL NOT BE INCREASED FOR THE DURATION OF THE PERIOD MENTIONED IN B) ABOVE.

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D) BOTH SIDES STATE THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO CONCRETE RESULTS SERVING THE OBJECTIVE OF BRINGING ABOUT A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP AND THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

THIS WOULD BE A REFERENCE TO THE REDUCTION OF THE DISPARITIES MENTIONED IN A) ABOVE AND TO THE AIM OF COMMON CEILINGS. IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHETHER AND ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION IS NECESSARY ACCORDING TO WHICH WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE EXISTING DISPARITIES AS DEFINITE.

E) A STATEMENT OF THIS KIND COULD BE MADE BY ONE SPOKESMAN FOR NATO AND ONE SPOKESMAN FOR THE WARSAW PACT AT A

PLENARY MEETING IN VIENNA. THESE STATEMENTS COULD BE REFLECTED IN THE RECORDS OF THE PLENARY MEETING CONCERNED. IN THE NATO COMMUNIQUE, THE ALLIES CONCERNED COULD CONFIRM THIS STATEMENT AND PLACE IT INTO THE CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVE OF REACHING COMMON CEILINGS.

2. A SECOND POSSIBILITY OF DEALING WITH THE EASTERN PROPOSAL RAPIDLY AND IN A MANNER FAVOURABLE FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES COULD BE A REFERENCE IN THE FORTHCOMING NATO MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE. THIS COMMUNIQUE MIGHT STATE THAT THE NATO COUNTRIES PROCEED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT

-THE OVERALL PERSONNEL STRENGTHS OF THE GROUND AND AIR FORCES OF BOTH SIDES WITHIN THE REDUCTION AREA WILL NOT BE INCREASED DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS,

- THAT THE NATO COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED TO RESPECT THIS PRINCIPLE, PROVIDED THAT THE EAST ACTS ALIKE,

- THAT THIS NON-INCREASE WILL APPLY FOR ONE YEAR OR UNTIL THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A CONCRETE REDUCTION AGREEMENT, AND

-THAT THE ALLIANCE WILL PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF THE FIGURES ESTABLISHED BY IT UNLESS THE SOVIET SIDE IS PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE ITS AGGREGATE FIGURES.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT ANY REDUCTIONS
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SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EXISTING DISPARITIES AND THAT IT SHOULD BE THE AIM OF THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BRING ABOUT AN APPROXIMATELY PARITY IN GROUND FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

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